



MH Provider Newsletter

Spring Edition - April to June 2018

Training Calendar

May 1 - LGBTQ ACCESS - Advancing Cultural Competency, 1:00 - 4:15 PM, Location: Placer County ASOC, Pacific Room, 101 Cirby Hills Drive, Roseville 95678. Self-register online at: <https://placersoc.networkofcare4elearning.org/>

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May 10 - Creating Culturally Competent Substance Use Disorder Prevention Services for LGBTQ Populations Webinar, 12:00 - 1:30 PM through Community Prevention Initiative. Enroll online at <http://www.ca-cpi.org/training-event/creating-culturally-competent-substance-use-disorder-prevention-services-for-lgbtq-populations/> or call 707 568 3800 for more info.

Upcoming Agreements for Individual Network Providers on the Horizon

By Chris Pawlak, Quality Assurance/ Quality Improvement Manager, SOC

As part of Placer's ongoing implementation of the [Medicaid Managed Care Final Rule](#), the County will be establishing formal contracts with individual network providers under the Placer-Sierra Mental Health Plan (MHP). Agreements with network providers are among one of many revisions the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ([42 CFR 438.602](#)) are requiring the Department of Health Care Services to implement and provide oversight. Prior to the Final Rule, informal agreements between individual providers and the Placer-Sierra MHP were covered in the Placer County SOC [Behavioral Health Network Provider Manual](#).



In the near future individual network providers should expect to be contacted by a County representative to review the draft formal agreement. These apply whether you are providing mental health services to either outpatient mental health clients or child welfare clients

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) aka "Laura's Law"

By Lisa Long, Patients Rights' Advocate, Placer County



In 2014 the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved the adoption of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), also referred to as "Laura's Law."

AOT allows for court ordered outpatient mental health treatment for seriously mentally ill individuals.

Candidates for AOT are adults whose lack of participation in outpatient treatment is resulting in a substantial deterioration in their condition, and who as a result are unlikely to survive safely in the community without intervention.

These individuals do not currently meet the criteria for an involuntary 5150 hold; however, the court can determine that their symptoms, combined with frequent recent psychiatric hospitalizations and/or violence towards themselves or others, put them in harm's way due to their illness and lack of treatment.

A request to the county for AOT can be initiated by family, adults residing with the individual, a licensed mental health professional, or law enforcement. The county then may file a petition with the court requesting AOT.

If the petition is granted, the court orders the client to meet with the AOT team with the goal of engaging the client in treatment. If the client refuses to meet with the team, the court can then order that the individual be detained involuntarily for assessment at a psychiatric facility.

There are no civil or criminal penalties for violating an AOT court order. Clients cannot be involuntarily medicated as a result of an AOT order. The goal of AOT is to engage the client in appropriate outpatient mental/physical health services, and substance abuse, employment, and housing services.

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